

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to their attorney during the telephone conference of January 26, 2004 during which the required changes to the formal matters were discussed.

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments to the abstract, disclosure, the title, the cancellation of the non-elected claim 53, the new claims and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

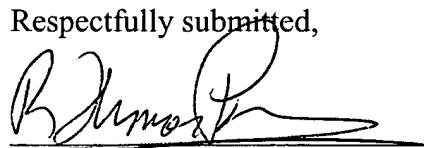
As the Examiner knows, the parent application resulted in issued U.S. Patent No. 6,413,070 B1. As the Examiner also knows that particular Patent contains only system claims. Since the original method claims of the parent application have now been allowed, applicants have converted some of the system claims of the issued Patent into method claims and present them here for consideration by the Examiner. Applicants believe that the new method claims are clearly allowable, as they are based upon some of the issued system claims, and an action acknowledging same is respectfully requested.

Thus, after entry of the above amendments, as suggested by the Examiner and entry of the new method claims, as described above, it is applicants' position that the application is now in condition for allowance and an action acknowledging same is respectfully requested.

If after reviewing this amendment, should the Examiner have questions or require additional information, he is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney, so this case may receive an early notice of allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 033879 for one claim over twenty (\$18.00.) Any additional fees or charges due as a result of filing the present paper may also be charged against Deposit Account No. 033879.

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